

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/940,235

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to After final of July 10, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 34,53 and 54.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09471349.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

DETAILED ACTION

Applicant's response, on July 10, 2006, to the Final Rejection of this case mailed April 17, 2006 is acknowledged. It is acknowledged that Applicants have cancelled Claims 35-52, amended Claim 34, and added New Claims 53 and 54. Claims 34, 53, and 54 are pending and are hereby considered.

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to Applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Specification

In the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9, delete: ~~-(Jackson. K. W. and Tang. J. (1982) Biochemistry 21:6620)-~~.

Claims

Replace Claim 34 with:

34. A chimeric polypeptide comprising the following components:

(a) a streptokinase component capable of plasminogen activation; and

(b) a fibrin-binding component, wherein said fibrin-binding component is fibrin-binding domains 4 and 5 of fibronectin or is fibrin-binding domains 1 and 2 of fibronectin;

wherein said streptokinase component and said fibrin-binding component are fused via a peptide bond and are linked through a region that is sufficiently flexible so as to allow plasmin-dependent activation of the streptokinase component,

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wherein said chimeric polypeptide is encoded by a polynucleotide selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO: 9, SEQ ID NO: 10, SEQ ID NO: 11, and SEQ ID NO: 12.

For Claim 53, delete the comma -- on line 1.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Hayman on July 27, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 34, 53, and 54 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

All elected Claims, 34, 53, and 54, are limited to chimeric polypeptides comprising a streptokinase component fused to fibrin binding domains of fibronectin, wherein the chimeric polypeptide is encoded by one of SEQ ID NO: 9-11. The utility of said polynucleotides, as encoding chimeric polypeptides, wherein the streptokinase domain can be activated by plasmin to then activate plasminogen, is credible based on expression in heterologous host cells and analysis by an enzymatic assay (Example 8; Table 1; Figure 24).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

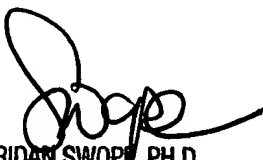
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sheridan L. Swope whose telephone number is 571-272-0943. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F; 9:30-7 EST.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kathleen Kerr can be reached on 571-272-0931. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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